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SUBJECT: POST LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM BUDGET ESTIMATE

REF: STATE 269859; B. DAMASCUS OM'S DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 1974
AND JANUARY 23, 1975

1. THE EMBASSY'S BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FY-1975 POST LANGUAGE TRAINING WERE FORWARDED TO FSI UNDER COVER OF DAMASCUS OM DATED JANUARY 23, 1975. THE TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR FY-75 IS DOLS 3,720. THE INITIAL ADVICE OF ALLOTMENT DATED DECEMBER 19, 1974 TOTALS DOLS 2,600 LEAVING A DEFICIT REQUIREMENT OF DOLS 1,120.

2. STATE 2887 INDICATES THAT CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COVER LANGUAGE TRAINING TO FSO EDWARD W. GNEHM. LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR GNEHM DURING FY-75 WILL BE APPROXIMATELY DOLS 700. SINCE GNEHM'S TRAINING IS RELATED TO ATTAINING THE PROFICIENCY LEVEL REQUIRED FOR HIS ENROLLMENT IN FULL TIME ARABIC LANGUAGE TRAINING AT FSI BEIRUT THE POST FEELS FUND FOR HIS INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION SHOULD BE OVER AND ABOVE THE AMOUNT TO BE FURNISHED FOR THE NORMAL POST LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM.

3. THE EMBASSY DID NOT INCLUDE IN ITS ESTIMATES FUNDS FOR PROCUREMENT OF TAPE RECORDERS AND LANGUAGE TAPES ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THESE ITEMS WOULD BE PROVIDED BY EITHER FSI WASHINGTON OR FSI BEIRUT. IN THIS CONNECTION
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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE POST HAS NO TAPE RECORDER

NOR TAPES.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ENTHUSIASTIC INTEREST EXPRESSED BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY FAMILY TO HAVE ARABIC LANGUAGE TRAINING THE EMBASSY URGES THAT OUR FSI ALLOTMENT BE INCREASED BY DOS 1,120 IN ORDER THAT WE CAN EMBARK ON THE LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM OUTLINED IN OUR OM OF JANUARY 23. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING TWO TAPE RECORDERS AND TWO SETS OF TAPES.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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